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SOME NOTES ON DR. JOHNSTON'S STITH FAMILY.

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By the EDITOR.

I have always regarded John[3] Stith, the father of Anderson Stith, as the son of John[2] Stith and Mary Randolph, but I don't know that there is any real evidence to that effect. There is some support of Dr. Johnston's view that he was son of Lt. Col. Drury[2] Stith in the fact of Robert Bolling and Anne, his wife, in the Prince George Records making a deed for land to Drury Stith, Jr., in 1722, and one to John Stith, Jr., the following year (1723), describing the land as "adjoining the tract on which Drury Stith, Jr., lived." This proximity of estates would suggests a relationship of brothers rather than of cousins.

Again, instead of Jane Hardaway being the daughter of John[1] Stith, I think she was the daughter of Lt. Col. Drury[2] Stith, since the name Drury descends in Hardaway's family and her children were born too late to meet Dr. Johnston's requirements. *Hardaway Family,* QUARTERLY, XX., 216.

Dr. Johnston thinks that John[3] Stith, who died in 1758, had other children besides Anderson Stith. From Brunswick County Deeds, I have this abstract: On June 24, 1756 "John Stith, of Charles City County, for natural love and affection, gives to Wiliam Stith of the same county his heir and assignee forever" 1078 acres on the north side of a creek in Brunswick Co., recorded June 28, 1756. Witness "Peter Eppes, Thomas Stith, Drury Stith, William Stroud." William Stith named in this deed was probably William Stith who married Martha Cowles, daughter of Thomas Cowles, of Charles City County. She married 2dly about 1772 Col. William Mead, of Bedford County. QUARTERLY X., 195; XVI, 140.

Then Richard Stith, surveyer of Bedford County, to whom Col. Mead was deputy, was perhaps another son of John Stith of Charles City County, father of Anderson Stith. In 1758

he was a justice of the peace for Bedford County, and in 1772, though still a resident of Bedford, he wrote a letter to the President and Master's of William and Mary College regarding his surveyor's bond. QUARTERLY, XVI., 163.

There were two other John Stiths living after the death of John Stith, father of Anderson Stith, one of whom may have been another son. There was Captain John Stith of Baylor's Dragoons, whose wife, Lucy, died at Wilton, in Henrico Co., in 1780, and John Stith, whose wife Rebecca died at Westbury, in Charles City, the residence of Col. Littlebury Cocke, in April of the same year.

Besides the daughter, who is believed to have married Booth Armistead, of Elizabeth City County, John Stith seems to have had another daughter, Anne Stith, who married William Westwood, of the same county, and had a son, John Stith Westwood, who was born in 1766. QUARTERLY, IX., 131. Probably another daughter married John Hardyman, as he had a son named Stith, who married Rachel Tyler (born about 1746), sister of Gov. John Tyler, Sr. QUARTERLY, V., 273; XI., 27-49. Stith Hardyman. John Hardyman's son, was an officer in the Revolution.

Dr. Johnston certainly errs in saying that John[4] Stith, son of Lt. Col. Drury[3] Stith, died "unmarried." He married before 1767 Anne Wray, daughter of Capt. George Wray, of Hampton and Helen Walker, his wife, but he had no children. QUARTERLY, XVIII., 291. His wife survived him, and her will dated Aug. 20, 1806, and recorded in King George Co., divides her property between the Wrays and the Stuarts. QUARTERLY, X., 185.

What Stith was it that was a 3rd husband of Elizabeth Bray, a lady who established a free school in Smithfield in 1753, and died in 1774. She married I. Arthur Allen, of Surry, who died in 1725, then II. Arthur Smith, Jr., of Isle of Wight, who died in 1755 and III. ———Stith. If Mr. Stith was as old as his wife he must have been born *circa* 1700. QUARTERLY, V., 113; VII., 266, 267.

Who was William Stith, who in 1756 married Katherine Stith, daughter of Col. Drury[4] Stith (See QUARTERLY, XXI., p 189) .

Who was Griffin Stith, who in 1826 is spoken of in QUARTERLY, X., 179, as representing his deceased wife, Mary Alexander, daughter of Gerard Alexander and Jane Ashton, his wife. On page 63 of the same volume (X.) it is stated that William Black married Griffin Stith's widow, which could not be, as Black died long before. It seems probable that William Black, who had two wives, married first Anne Dent Alexander, aunt of Griffin Stith's wife, and second Frances ———, named in his will. Black's will was proved in Chesterfield County in 1782. Names his wife Frances; daughter Frances Taylor Black; gives his Falls Plantation to his grandson William Black, son of William Black, at the age of 21; daughter Ann Dent Hardyman. Witnesses George Evans, John Beckley, Hugh Hill.

Major John Hardaway married, it is said, Mariana Stith in 1775. Who was she? QUARTERLY, II., 141.